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Letter To Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Dear Mr. Editor:

President Nixon has intimated that the silent majority of Americans back his so-called peace plan which involves a slow withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam and theoretically have the Vietnamese take over the fighting for themselves. This is a retreat, not a withdrawal. The only other plan so far given publicly is that of immediate withdrawal, which is equal to surrender. I wonder if Mr. Nixon's silent majority really backs his plan? I wonder if the silent majority would remain silent if they were really given a choice, such as Win the War in Vietnam. I believe that if he would put the word Victory back in his vocabulary this majority might suddenly become vocal. Does any sensible person thank the Vietnamese can do by themselves what, so far, the Vietnamese and over a half-million American servicemen haven't done? To me, that stretches my imagination quite a bit.

If you have lost a loved one, a relative, a son or a friend in the undeclared war in Vietnam, you should be vitally interested in what one man in this country is doing. This man is Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, president of Shelton College, editor of the Christian Beacon (a weekly christian newspaper with circulation of about 125,000) and pastor of a large Presbyterian church in Collingswood, N. J.

He is giving everyone in this country a chance to stand up and be counted if he is for victory in Vietnam, putting prayer and Bible reading back in the schools, and waving the good old Stars and Stripes. He is sponsoring a March for Victory in Washington, D. C., on Sat., April 4. He called a press conference in Washington some three months ago to kick off this drive and would you care to guess how many of the T.V., radio and wire services had reporters on hand for his announcement. None! There were two reporters there—from two Catholic Church papers. This is a demonstration of how our great newsgathering services give you completely unbiased reporting of the news. Don't you think the announcement of a march for victory for our country and to honor our boys in the service would come under the heading of news? Did you notice the news coverage given the Moratorium crowd when they announced they would have sitins at 100 draft boards all over the country? The radio, AP, U PI, and the TV networks blew this up out of all proportion. So much so that a number of draft boards didn't even open their doors that day.

Most newspapers are dependent upon the wire services for other than local news, and when the wire services give only one side of a question, that is about all you can possibly get. Do you remember the big splash given Bernadette Devlin, the Marxist civil rights leader from Northern Ireland, when she came to our shores in late August, 1969 to raise money for her program in Northern Ireland, Mayor Lindsay of New York City presented her with the golden key to the city. On March 7, 1970 the Philadelphia Inquirer had a story with headlines "Black Panthers Given N. Y. Key By Irish Militant." Under a story from New York by the Associated Press it stated that "Eamon McCann, chairman of the Derry Labor Party, and an associate of Miss Devlins, handed the cermonial emblem to Robert Bay, who identified himself as a member of the Panthers, in a hired hall near Union Square." McCann said that the key was being given to the Panthers" as a gesture of solidarity with the Black Liberation and revolutionary socialist movement in America". He read a statement which he said was from Miss Devlin which said in part: "I return what is rightfully theirs, this symbol of the freedom of New York." What is happening to our country when every element in it which is trying to tear it to pieces gets headlines, full coverage by radio, press and TV, and when a person stands up for God, Country and patriotism gets blacked out. Dr. Carl McIntire has asked permission to use the Washington Cathedral at 8 p.m. Friday night April 3, for the purpose of holding a service in which prayers will be offered, Christian hymns sung, testimonies given to the faithfulness of our God, and a brief message, given from the Bible. It remains to be seen whether he will be given this permission or not The Cathedral was given to the Moratorium group in November, 1969, with the principal speaker, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches. If you are getting sick of the way this country is being run and would like to see a return of law and order, decency, a return of prayer and Bible reading in school, and a feeling of pride in your heart when you see the Stars and Stripes, back up Dr. McIntire and his March for Victory on April 4, in Washington. The people will assemble at 11 a.m. in the Mall area west of 4th Street and the march will commence at 12 noon and go down Pennsylvania Avenue from 4th to 15th Street. The rally will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Washington Monument and the Ellipse. The slogan for this march might be summed up as follows: Win the peace through victory – Defeat the Viet Cong by strength – Bring the boys home in triumph - prayer, Bible reading in school - Freedom of choice. If you feel this way, write the president and vice president and let them know how you feel, then support the March for Victory by your presence in Washington on Saturday, April 4. Sponsors for the march include Dr. Carl McIntire, chairman, March for Victory committee; Hon. Mendel Rivers, chairman, House Committee on Armed Services; and former Governor of Alabama, the Hon. George Wallace. Tell it to Hanoi that our boys know we back them for victory.

William C. Hubbard
Box 121
Appomattox, Va.

Mr. Greer's 4-H

Mr. Greer's 4-H met on March 18. We elected officers as follows: President - Donna Paulette; vice-president - Judy Mayberry; secretary – Gay Honeycutt; reporter - David Marshall; song leaders – Carolyn Morris and Brenda Garrett.

Mr. James gave us information sheets on how to speak in public.

David Marshall, Reporter

The Pastor Speaks

NOT THERE

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . ." I Peter 1:3

One day a group of Jewish leaders challenged Jesus' ability to forgive sins. "I'll show you," said the Lord, "that I do have the ability to forgive sins." Jesus turned to a lame man seated in front of him and said, "I'll tell this man to rise, take up his bed, and walk. That will give you a living demonstration that I also have the ability to forgive sins."

Jesus uttered the words, The man arose, picked up his bed, and walked out before a great crowd of people to the amazement of all. His healing provided a living demonstration of Jesus' power to forgive sin. Living demonstrations are worth many words, thoughts, and dead descriptions.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a living demonstration of the power of God's life over death. It is a living demonstration of the validity of eternal life. It is a living proof that you and I can have eternal life. The Scriptures say that because Christ arose we, too, shall one day arise and shall go to be with the Lord forever in eternity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead gives us a living hope.

Do you ever doubt that there is a life after death? Jesus' resurrection ends all such doubt. Do you ever wonder whether it's possible that man can live after he dies. Jesus' resurrection gives us a living, vivid hope in the life beyond. Yes, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a living demonstration of God's power over death. This power becomes yours when you receive Jesus Christ as a personal saviour.

Oh, the anguish of Mary!
Her grief and despair
When she came to the tomb
And the Lord was not there!
As she silently stood
With her balm and her myrrh,
And His winding-sheet only
Was waiting for her.

Oh, the blackness of death!
Life's utter despair
Had she not come to the tomb,
And the Lord had been there
Lying wrapped in the shroud,
With the balm and the myrrh,
And no risen Redeemer
Had waited for her.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WORDS FROM THE TOMB

Lesson for March 29, 1970

Background Scripture: Job 14; Matthew 28; I Corinthians 15
Devotional Reading: Psalm 110

They found an empty tomb! Yet, there was left for them there, a message.

The first word was one of encouragement: "Do not be afraid." How much they needed this. We can well appreciate the fear that the disciples experienced on Maundy Thursday evening when Jesus was arrested in the Garden. Their fear caused them to desert their beloved Master. something they had vowed never to do.

The Easter Morning Risk

We can imagine also the fear that gripped the tiny band of disciples that night as, leaderless, they waited for word of the fate of Jesus. We can understand too the fear with which they followed the procession to Golgotha and witnessed that fateful event there. As they left Golgotha their fear was mingled with a prodound sorrow and despair. All was lost!

Yet, perhaps a devotion which was stronger than fear led them to the garden tomb that Easter morning. They were taking a risk in coming to the grave of this man whom all Jerusalem had condemned as a criminal.

Thus, they are told: "Do not be afraid . ..he is not here; for he has risen as he said" (28:5, 6). Imagine the thoughts and feelings that came to them as they heard this message! With such a startling message as that, is it any wonder that their accounts of this incident are so fragmentary and hard to fit together?

"Come, See The Place"

The second word was one of invitation – invitation to see and believe. "Come see the place where he lay." (28:6). The messenger was not asking them to take his word alone. He offered them the opportunity to view the empty tomb and see for themselves.

Our own encounter with the Resurrection is also an invitation to "see" and believe. We may not be able to see the empty tomb ourselves, but we are asked to examine for ourselves the testimony of those who did. We are asked to consider whether the New Testament is founded upon a fictional "happy ending" or a reality that transformed the lives of men and changed the course of history.

The third word was a challenge to witness: "Then go quickly and tell all his disciples that he has risen from the dead" (28:7) This command was actually the forerunner of a more extensive call to witness that later would come from Jesus himself (28:19, 20). But before they could be called to share this message with "all nations" they must first seek out their friends and share the news with them.

"There You Will See Him"

Whatever we may believe of the Resurrection, faith is not meant to remain a secret. It is something that must be shared with others and it is always shared best in terms of what we personally have experienced in our own lives. The average Christian is not called upon to expound a systematic theology of the Resurrection, but he is called to share what he knows of the resurrected Christ.

The messenger concludes with a fourth word, a word of promise: "He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him" (28:7). This is the most important evidence of all: to experience the resurrected Christ for ourselves. It is one thing to examine the empty tomb, to hear the proclamation of the Resurrection, but the final evidence is our own encounter with the living Lord.

"So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples" (28:8). That's the letter: get going and n news! In our be mingled the comb wonder, and joy. Th Easter must be sha

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SPORTS

By Billy Thompson

Nine Vets On Track Team

APPOMATTOX — Gordon Appomattox High track team managed only a two-loss record last season but these are not expected to show a great deal this year.

Coach must overcome youth and inexperience to break even in games improving Group II, AAA IV circuit and without the good practice facilities.

Appomattox could be better this season because it scores points in the running events however. Bragg must contend with a little more muscle in the field events, if he is to produce Appomattox to a winning season.

Out of 40 boys came out for track this season and of this number nine were returning letter men.

Appomattox should be better than average in the 440-yard relay with Lee Comer, Gary Foster, and Danny Bragg all returning from last year.

In the 100 and 220 yard dashes Bragg will have Ray Tweedy, Jim McCormick and David Jones.

Other men include Gary Bragg and Earl Primm.

Coach Hendricks will be on hand for the 880-yard run, pole vault and low hurdles.

He has prospects Bragg, Roger Christian, Elester Bragg, Jimmy McCormick, Franklin, Kenneth Graves, Dennis Hamlett, John Bragg, Robert Ayers and Ronald Holder.

Every other coach in the district sees Nelson County as a league of its own following Gretna and William Byrd.

Men's Bowling League

Furniture	60	18
Cibu	51	27
	48	30
	40	38
Office	26	52
Co.	25	53
Cafe	10	66
Game, Ronnie Carter,	143	
James Faulette,	364	

Ladies Bowling League

	58	17
	43	29
	29	43
Co.	18	57
Game, Linda Shupe,	124	
Linda Shupe,	310	

Richard A. Goodling

FHA Director

The appointment of Richard A. Goodling of Albemarle County, an orchardist in Virginia for the past 20 years, as Virginia State Director of the Farmers Home Administration has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin.

Under the appointment effective January 12, Mr. Goodling will direct statewide operations of the Department of Agriculture credit agency. The Farmers Home Administration carries out loan programs for family farm ownership and operation, and for housing and community facilities in rural areas. Its lending totaled $25 million in Virginia last fiscal year. This agency has 37 rural county offices throughout the state.

Mr. Goodling has owned and operated a peach and apple orchard near North Garden in Albemarle County since 1953, and previously managed orchards at Crozet. In his orchard operations he has also served as a consultant to a large company in chemical development of pesticides, fungicides and other agricultural chemicals. He is a past director of the Virginia State Horticultural Society and the State Peach Industries Committee. He has served as a member of the Board of Assessors for Albemarle County.

Mr. Goodling was graduated in 1950 with a BS degree in horticulture from Penn State University, where he completed his studies after serving with the U. S. Navy Air Force in World War II.

Mr. Goodling is married to the former Donna Sprenkel, Loganville, Penn. and has two sons, Jace 8 and Rob 6.

Glee Club Will Sing April 4

The Virginia Tech Varsity Glee Club will perform here at 8 p.m. on April 4 under the sponsorship of the Appomattox Lions Club in the Appomattox County High School gymnasium.

FFA Speakers To Compete At Naruna

Naruna – The 43rd Annual Southside Area Future Farmers of America Public Speaking Contest will be held in the William Campbell High School Wednesday afternoon, April 1. Winners of six federation contests will participate.

Each contestant will make an eight-minute talk on an agricultural subject and respond to questions on his topic by the judges. The winner will represent the Southside Area in the state finals at Virginia Tech in June.

J. J. Riegel, agricultural education instructor at William Campbell, is in charge of local arrangements. Judges will be agricultural education teachers from the six federations of the fifteen-county area.

The Amherst - Appomattox - Campbell Federation will be represented by Jimmy Bondurant, Appomattox.

Auction Sale Sat., April 11

A cinderblock home and two acres of land near Spout Spring will be sold at auction on Sat., April 11 at 11 a.m. by George's Auction Service, Percy W. George, Auctioneer. Household items including several antiques will also be sold. Mrs. Alice Gibbs is the owner.

Auction Sat. At Evergreen

The J. L. Blackwell farm, two and one-half miles south of Evergreen, Va. will be sold at auction this Saturday, March 28 at 1 p.m. If the farm is sold, household goods, antiques and farm equipment will be sold, also. Auctioneers are Shortand Son of Gretna and A. Bentley Coleman of Lynchburg. Morrison Real Estate, of Lynchburg is in charge of the sale. The farm contains 200 acres, an ante-bellum home, old barn and slave quarters and was formerly the Joel T. Cawthorn farm.

Appo Primary School Cafeteria Menu

Tues., March 31 –Hot dog & bun, cole slaw, baked beans, cookie, milk.

Wed., April 1 –Spaghetti with meat sausage, rolls, tossed salad, baked tomatoes, cheese crackers, milk, jello.

Thurs., April 2—Sausage with hot biscuits, string beans, peanut butter crackers, mixed fruit, milk.

Fri., April 3 – Vegetable beef soup, crackers, toasted cheese or peanut butter sandwich, ice cream, milk.

Opinion Letters

The Times-Virginian is interested in getting opinions of readers on matters of interest and will be happy to publish these. We ask, however, that all letters to the editor or editorial comment be signed. In certain cases, possibly, the names of the writers will not appear in print, but the writer's name should be on record in the office.

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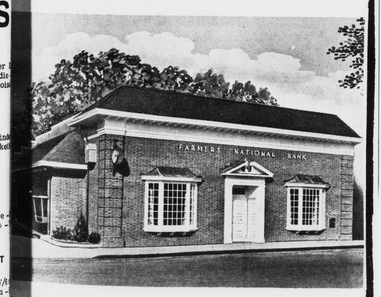

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